year. It can be said that, at present, the production of liquid fuels from coal in India is not favourable on a commercial scale.

**L.P.G. connections**

684. DR. (MOHD.) HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons on the waiting list for the grant of LPG Connections in the country as on June 1986; and

*(b) the number of LPG Connections provided during the first half year of 1986?*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) 36.12 lakhs.

(b) 8.70 lakhs.

**Supply of white printing paper for text books**

685. SHRI ALADI ARUNA ALIAS V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any arrangement for supply of white printing paper at the concessional rates for printing of text books and for manufacture of exercise books;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and how much paper was supplied under this arrangement during the last three years, year-wise, and

(c) what are the regulations, if any, prescribed for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The supply of white printing paper to the education sector is being regulated through the mechanism of Paper (Regulation of Production) Order, 1978 and Paper (Control) Order, 1979. In terms of these orders, the paper mills are required to produce white printing paper to the extent prescribed and supply it to the various text book and exercise book manufacturers etc. according to the direction of Government at the ex-factory price as fixed from time to time. The present ex-factory price is Rs. 7,200 per tonne.

The supplies made upto 31.3.1986 by the paper mills against allocations in the last three years are as follows:—

| Year | Supplies (in tonnes) |
|---|---|
| | (Estimated) |
| 1983-84 | 88,636 |
| 1984-85 | 97,173 |
| 1985-86 | 46,542 |

Supplies against allocations are still continuing.

**Appointment of Chief Justices of Bombay and Allahabad High Courts**

686. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the Government's policy to have Chief Justices of High Courts from outside the jurisdiction of respective High Courts;

(b) Whether exceptions have been made in the matter of appointment of Chief Justices of Bombay and Allahabad High Courts recently; and

(c) what are the reasons for such a departure from the said policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The recent appointment of Chief Justices of the Bombay and